# ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE GREATER LAFAYETTE AREA TRANSPORTATION & DEVELOPMENT STUDY

## Minutes July 10, 2006

**MEMBERS PRESENT** 

Tony Roswarski Mayor of the City of Lafayette

Gary Schroeder President of the Area Plan Commission
Ann Hunt President of West Lafayette City Council
Cindy Murray President, Lafayette Board of Works

Mark Albers (proxy for Alan Plunkett)

Representative of IN. Dept. of Transportation (INDOT)

Joel Wright Chairman of the GLPTC

John Knochel President of the County Board of Commissioners

**Absent Voting Members** 

David Byers President of the County Council
Perry Brown President of the Lafayette City Council
Jan Mills Mayor, City of West Lafayette

Alan Plunkett INDOT

**Non-Voting Members** 

Opal Kuhl Executive Director, Tippecanoe County Highway Dept.

Dave Franklin US Department of Transportation, FHWA

Jennifer Bonner City Engineer of Lafayette
Dave Buck West Lafayette City Engineer

**Absent Non-Voting Members** 

Dennis Carson
Jon Fricker
Sallie Fahey
Dana Smith
Director of Lafayette Redevelopment Committee
Technical Transportation Committee Chairman
Executive Director of the Area Plan Commission
Pres.- Lafayette-W. Lafayette Chamber of Commerce

**Also Present** 

Doug Poad APC Staff
John Thomas APC Staff
Melissa Baldwin APC Staff

Chair Mayor Roswarski called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

#### I. MINUTES

Gary Schroeder moved to approve the minutes from the May 3, 2006 meeting. John Knochel seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

#### II. DRAFT FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A copy of this document can be found at www.tippecanoe.in.gov/apc

Doug Poad referred to the Draft FY 2007 Transportation Improvement Program and distributed a color-coded map highlighting the various projects included in the FY 2007 TIP. He thanked everyone for attending, as approval of the document at today's meeting is an important part of the adoption program. He stated that the FY2007 TIP is a short-range document which allows the public to see where the local Federal gas-tax dollars are spent. The document is required through the previous transportation act and also the new transportation act, SAFTEA-LU. All of the road, transit and airport projects for which Federal

dollars are requested as well as significant projects using local funds must be located in this TIP. Previously, the document was required to be redone every 2 years but now it can be done every 4 years. In this MPO, it is done annually because priorities and information change, especially the Federal dollar amount. This allows everything to be correct and up-to-date. The 8 exhibits in the draft document list the local and state projects as well as their locations. There are numerous projects proposed, both local and state, with many of them in different phases. He then listed several of those projects, referring to the color-coded map using green for local projects and purple for INDOT projects. The sources for the local projects are the City Engineers and the County Highway Department. The INDOT projects came from the draft INSTIP, which is available for viewing on the INDOT web page. Federal funding of \$3.2 million is expected every year for the next several years and each proposed project was prioritized and financially constrained by the Technical Transportation Committee. The amount anticipated is what has been programmed and nothing has been overspent. He summarized the remainder of the information in the TIP and suggested that the Committee members look over the document. He then stated that the Technical Transportation Committee reviewed the Draft FY 2007 TIP at its last meeting and the changes that were recommended have been incorporated into the document. At that meeting the Technical Transportation Committee recommended adoption of the FY 2007 TIP to the Area Plan Commission. The Citizen's Participation Committee reviewed the document at its public hearing and those comments were noted. He concluded by inviting comments and guestions from the Committee and then requested a positive recommendation for adoption to the Area Plan Commission.

Tony Roswarski stated that he appreciates all the hard work staff has put into the drafting of this document and noted that Federal dollars do not seem to go very far these days.

John Knochel moved to recommend adoption of the FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM to the Area Plan Commission. Ann Hunt seconded.

Mark Albers noted that a scriber error needed to be corrected on page 22, item #28. The number "60" needs to read "06" in the description.

The motion to recommend adoption of the amended FY 2007 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM carried by unanimous voice vote.

## III. OTHER BUSINESS

John Thomas noted that there is a US 231 CAC meeting on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in West Lafayette and that the INDOT district meeting will be held on the 25<sup>th</sup>. He then introduced Melissa Baldwin, from Oklahoma, as the new transportation planner on the APC staff. He went on to say that the I 65 repaving, in the southern part of the county, is on the FY 2007 TIP but that it is not in the existing TIP. The project needs to be placed on the existing TIP to be on the August letting. The work will be done at night and needs to be let at this time in order to ensure proper weather conditions for night work. He made an administrative amendment to the FY 05 TIP to include this project. Since it was in the existing TIP and did not include any local money, it was a facilitated needed project as well as a safety issue.

Dave Franklin explained that this is standard procedure to request an administrative amendment if an emergency arises. There is no real basis in law for this and he suggested the local jurisdiction develop some type of emergency administrative amendment procedure.

Doug Poad stated that he is working on ongoing projects and trying to catch up.

Dave Franklin noted that the FHWA is trying to get up-to-date with SAFTEA-LU.

Mark Albers added that the INDOT district meeting is set for July 25<sup>th</sup> and that the format will be similar to those held in previous years. This meeting will focus on IPOC scoring and dealing with the local programs and processes, which have been decentralized out of Indianapolis to the district office.

# V. ADJOURNMENT

Ann Hunt moved to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sallie Dell Fahey

Secretary

SDF/Imu